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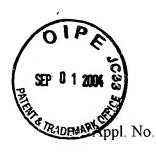
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In response to the Office Action of June 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as shown. The director is hereby authorized to charge any fees for the accompanying response to Deposit Account 501923. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an amended drawing figure is attached following page 12 of this paper.